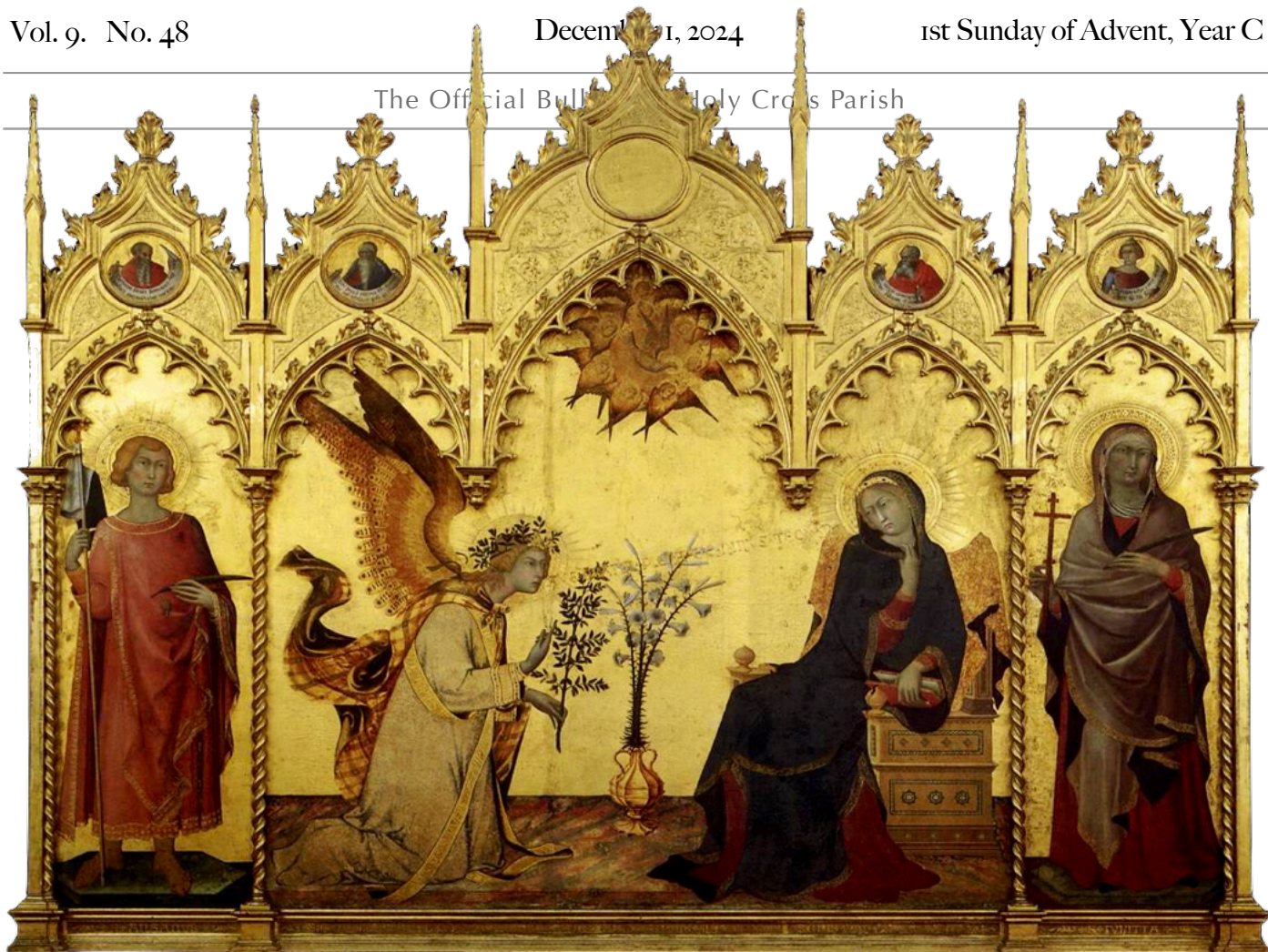

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THE SEASON OF *A*DVENT

“Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God, the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ with righteous deeds at his coming, so that, gathered at his right hand, they may be worthy to possess the heavenly Kingdom.” With this prayer the Church begins the season of Advent and a new liturgical year. And with this new season, the first of the seasons, the Church acquires a new colour—violet—the colour not only of penance and preparation but the colour of kings and emperors. Because with this season we are reminded that we live in a time

in-between the birth of our Lord and His coming again.

Advent is not only a preparation for the celebration of the birth of Christ but also a preparation for the day when our Lord will return. Just as the Archangel Gabriel declared to the Blessed Virgin Mary that the Lord’s name would be Emmanuel—meaning “God is with us”—we await the day when the Angels will sing again, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God.”

So as the Church undergoes these four weeks of Advent, as the violet and rose candles of the Advent wreath slowly burn away to reveal the white candle of the true light of the world, let us join ourselves to that holy preparation by making our confession, by attending one more Mass during the week, by praying the holy Rosary, and by attending to the material needs of the parish and the poor, so that we can make ourselves fit to kneel along side the shepherds and the kings and adore God made man, our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, at Christmas.

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HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

Holy Mass

Tuesday, 9:15 a.m.

Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, 9:15 a.m.

Friday, 9:15 a.m.

Saturday, 9:15 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Confessions

Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, 4:15 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Sunday, 6:00 p.m.

Nigerian Community Mass

Second and fourth Sunday of the month,
11:00 a.m.

Rosters

Church and Toilets Cleaning

Flower Arranging

*requesting volunteers to form groups of
at least 2 people to arrange flowers for
the sanctuary*

SOCIAL MEDIA



holycrossgranville.org.au



HolyCrossGranville



Holy Cross Parish App



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HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

Holy Mass

Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, 8:15 a.m.

Thursday, 8:15 a.m.

Friday, 8:15 a.m.

Saturday, 8:15 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, 10:00 a.m.

Confessions

Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Holy Mass and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

First Friday of the month, 7:00 p.m.

Holy Mass in Latin

First Thursday of the month, 6:00 p.m.

Ghanaian Chaplaincy Mass

Second and last Sunday of the month,
11:30 a.m.

Vietnamese Chaplaincy Mass

Sunday, 5:00 p.m.

Rosters

Church Cleaning Group 2: P. Zaiter,
N. Chidiac, C. Buultjens

Readers

Vigil Gerry Pinto, Rebecca Hansons,
Ingrid Blfulco

10:00 a.m. Wadzi Mushininga, Sisters,
Mary Georges

Children's Liturgy Victor Liu and
Armani Barakat

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Joseph Akkary, Janelle Allan, John Anjoul, Marlene Ashton,
John Augustus, Frank Azzopardi, Antonio Bifulco, Ann
Blesson, John Borg, Vincenzo Colosimo, Lucy Farrugia,
Carmel Galea, Carmello Giovenco, Evangeline Grabato,
Thomas Hayek, Elizabeth Hicks, Peter Higgins, Therese
Khalil, Kay King, Fortunato La Macchia, Silvio La Macchia,
Jacob Lee, Josephine Magro, Ester Matos, Sid Morgan,
Scott Moulton, Ben Nursoo, Sarah-Joy O'Connor, Don
Provest, Therese Smeal, Ricardo Tognini, Lorraine Vella,
Sam Wardan.



*Lord Jesus Christ, our Redeemer,
by the grace of your Holy Spirit
cure the weaknesses of your servants,
and mercifully restore them to full health.*

IN MEMORIAM

Victor Azzopardi, Carmen Bonello, Engedi Brown, Jim Brown,
Dick Cahill, Gwen Cahill, Vincent Cahill, Les Camilleri, Maria
Dinh, Akosita Fetuuaho, Alan Frost, Carmen Galea, Maria
Gambin, John Graham, Joe Grech, Mary Grech, Sam Grech,
George Hatem, John Hatem, Mariam Hatem, Melissa Irons,
Salim Karaki, Paul Karam, Nouhad Khoury, Thomas Lam,
Rustica La Rosa, Laurie Lowe, Frouzine Malkoun, Jacob
Malkoun, Mouna Malkoun, Ofimia Malkoun, John McGrath,
Iris McIntyre, Lindsay McIntyre, Mary McIntyre, Thomas
McIntyre, Joseph Nammour, Jack Newell, Hazel Jean Newell,
Tony Newell, Vincent Nguyen, Laura Pestano, Rogelio Pestano,
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Taktak, Darren Thornton, John Timbs, John Toye, Savina Vailahi,
John Vella, Carmel Watts, Phyllis Webb, Mershed Wehbe,
Yesmine Wehbe, Phyllis Yott, Dib Zaiter, Laila Zaiter.



*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.*



The Zaiter family have generously arranged a raffle in support of the parish with four prizes to be won of a large assortment of children's toys. These would make a wonderful gift for Christmas.

Raffle tickets are available for \$2 or for three tickets for \$5. The winning tickets will be drawn after the Mass at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, 22 December.

Tickets will be on sale after the Mass at 10:00 a.m. or you can contact the parish office and request tickets.

Thank you very much to the Zaiter family for their generosity and their support of the parish. All the prizes were arranged and donated by the Zaiter family and we are very grateful to them for their tremendous kindness.



First Thursday Holy Mass in Latin

This Thursday, being the first Thursday of the month, Holy Mass in Latin will be said at Holy Trinity Church at 6:00 p.m. The first Thursday of the month is traditionally offered as an act of reparation to the wounds of Our Lord and in honour of the Blessed Sacrament. It is also offered as day to pray for Priests in honour of Our Lord Jesus Christ, High and Eternal Priest.

“Prepare a Way” A Holy Cross Parish Resource for a Spiritually Nourishing Advent Season



“Prepare a Way” is a book written specially for Holy Cross Parish for parishioners to pray each day the prayers of Advent and to faithfully look forward to the proper celebration of Christmas.

This book of devotions has been prepared by John Portelli to assist individuals and families to use this holy season as a way to draw closer to almighty God so that we can truly and faithfully celebrate the birth of Our Lord and look to His coming again.

The book includes devotions for every day of Advent including:

- Beautiful images for each day**
- Introit from the Mass of the Day**
- Gospel of the Day**
- Daily Prayer**
- The Litany of St. Joseph**
- Ancient Hymns**
- Traditional “O Antiphons”**

15 Tips to Make Advent Meaningful

Printed editions are available at the doors and a digital edition is available for download by visiting our parish webpage or our Facebook page.

Parish Volunteers’ Appreciation Dinner Thursday, 12 December

To thank all our Holy Cross Parish volunteers we will be holding a Parish Volunteers’ Appreciation Dinner on Thursday, 12 December from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. outside of Holy Trinity Church.

For all those who volunteer across the parish at both of our churches, whether it be as altar servers, in cleaning the churches, as catechists, as collectors, with children’s liturgy, as readers, in music, in the piety shops, or in many other ways, we invite you attend this evening as a show of gratitude for your service to the parish.

Those who volunteer contribute a great deal to the parish and to the Church and make so much of what we do possible. Much of their work goes unseen and this is a way for us to thank you for the work you do week after week, month after month throughout the year.

May God bless you and thank you for your service.

First Friday Mass and Adoration

Join us this Friday evening at Holy Trinity Church as we continue our first Friday devotions in honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in reparation for the sins of humanity.

Confessions will be heard from 6:15 p.m., the Rosary will be prayed at 6:30 p.m., Holy Mass will be offered at 7:00 p.m. followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 7:30 p.m.

Join us as we honour the Sacred Heart of Our Lord and pray in reparation for the sins committed against Him. Let us beseech His grace freely offered to us so that we may grow in holiness and in service to Him and the Church.

HOLY CROSS PARISH

PARISH VOLUNTEERS' APPRECIATION

Dinner



THURSDAY
DECEMBER 12
6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

OUTSIDE
HOLY TRINITY
CHURCH

Prepare a Way!



A HOLY CROSS PARISH RESOURCE
for a SPIRITUALLY NOURISHING ADVENT SEASON
Available free online or in the piety shop for \$10



PARRAMATTA CATHOLIC FOUNDATION



This Christmas, will you help homeless mothers and children find a safe place to call home to rebuild their lives?



\$25

can provide **nappies or baby formula** for a young mum and baby.



\$75

can help provide **psychological counselling** for a mother suffering trauma.



\$100

can provide **financial counselling** or a session on **parenting and living skills, education, and employment support.**



\$250

can give mums a **newborn hamper** with essentials such as nappies, muslin wraps, bottles, and baby shampoo.



\$500

can provide two homeless young mothers with a **baby bassinet or cot.**



\$1,200

can provide a homeless young mum with a **bed, mattress, cot sheets, and a blanket.**



\$2,000

can provide four homeless young mums with a **maternity kit** including sleepwear, underwear, sanitary pads and baby clothing.



\$5,000

can provide a **safe home** for two months for a young mum fleeing domestic or family violence.

Your gift provides a safe home and practical and emotional family support.

CAROLS

BY CANDLELIGHT

*A solemn evening of Carols and the
blessing of the Christmas Crib.*

Tuesday 17th December

6 p.m. Parish BBQ

7:30 p.m. Carols Service

Holy Trinity Church, Granville



The Readings

Introit (Cf. *Ps.* 24:1-3)

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.
In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.
Nor let my enemies exult over me;
and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

First Reading

The Prophet Jeremiah (33:14-16)

See, the days are coming—it is the Lord who speaks—
when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House
of Israel and the House of Judah:

‘In those days and at that time,
I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David,
who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land.
In those days Judah shall be saved
and Israel shall dwell in confidence.
And this is the name the city will be called:
The Lord-our-integrity.’

Responsorial Psalm (*Ps.* 24:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14. *R.* v. 1)

R. To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. *R.*

The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. *R.*

His ways are faithfulness and love
for those who keep his covenant and will.
The Lord’s friendship is for those who revere him;
to them he reveals his covenant. *R.*

Second Reading

The First Letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians (3:12-4:2)

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and
make you love one another and the whole human race as
much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts
in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our
God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with
all his saints.

Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the
Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of
life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as
you learnt from us, and as you are already living it. You
have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the
authority of the Lord Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation (*Ps.* 84:8)

Alleluia, alleluia!
Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.
Alleluia!

Gospel

The Gospel of Luke (21:25-28, 34-36)

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘There will be signs in the
sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony,
bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves;
men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world,
for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they
will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power
and great glory. When these things begin to take place,
stand erect, hold your heads high, because your
liberation is near at hand.

‘Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened
with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life,
and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap.
For it will come down on every living man on the face of
the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength
to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with
confidence before the Son of Man.’

Communio (*Ps.* 84:13)

The Lord will bestow his bounty,
and our earth shall yield its increase.

